

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 1:07CR322
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PLAINTIFF)	JUDGE PETER C. ECONOMUS
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V.)	
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LORETTA MARTINO,)	MEMORANDUM OPINION
)	AND ORDER
DEFENDANT.)	
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This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge Limbert's Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT Defendant Loretta Martino's ("Defendant") plea of guilty and enter a finding of guilty against Defendant. (Dkt. # 55).

On May 30, 2007, the government filed an indictment against Defendant, John Jenkins, Darcie John, and Myron McDevitt. (Dkt. #1). This Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge George J. Limbert for the purpose of receiving Defendant's guilty plea. (Dkt. # 54).

On October 22, 2007, a hearing was held in which Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Counts 4 of the indictment, making, uttering, and possessing, and attempting to make, utter, and possess forged or counterfeited securities of an organization, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 513(a). Magistrate Judge Limbert received Defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court

accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Dkt. # 55).

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the ten days after it was issued.

On *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is adopted. The Defendant was found to be competent to enter a plea. The Defendant understood her constitutional rights. She is aware of the consequences of entering a plea. There is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. The Defendant's plea of guilty is approved.

Therefore, the Defendant is adjudged guilty of Counts 4 in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 513(a). The sentencing will be held on January 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Peter C. Economus - November 2, 2007
PETER C. ECONOMUS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE